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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2005. Concurrently with this Amendment, Applicants are filing a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to submit U.S. Pat. 6,898,556, issued May 24, 2005, which is owned by the assignee of the present application and is a continuation of a patent that is already of record.

By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended the rejected independent claims to focus on certain features that are not disclosed or suggested by Sweet et al. or the other references cited by the Examiner. Many of the limitations added to the independent claims find support in the present application in the section which begins at page 44, line 23. Applicants have also added several new dependent claims and one new independent claim. No new matter has been added

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants submit that the claims are patentable, and request that the anticipation and obviousness rejections be withdrawn. Applicants also submit that the section 112 rejection of independent Claim 13 has been overcome by the amendments made to that claim.

If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned representative at his direct dial number of 949-721-2950

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